



#27/12  
Tuta  
7/7/03

<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/297,092
	<i>Filing Date</i>	May 18, 1999
	<i>Inventor</i>	PAULISTA et al.
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1636
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	S. Kaushal
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2923-0115
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR BONE INDUCING ACTIVITY		

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

**RECEIVED**

MAR 28 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 27, 2003

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Dear Sir:

In further response to the final Office Action dated October 23, 2002, Applicants request entry of the amendments below and reconsideration of the application.

**In the Claims:**

Kindly cancel claims 27 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

21. (Twice Amended) A process for the production of an implant material according to claim 28, the process comprising applying the MP52 protein in and/or on the calcium phosphate matrix as a solution in a solvent such that a homogeneous distribution of the MP52 protein in and/or on the calcium phosphate matrix is achieved.